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**Subject:** Do drug dealers have to give free hits (for a while) to kids as a settlement? So why MS?

It is completely insane to allow any aspect of a settlement against Microsoft to allow them to strengthen their monopoly! Please insist that no aspect of the settlement involves anyone acquiring copies of Microsoft products. If any aspect of the settlement is to have a monetary value it should actually be cash with which the benefactors can choose what to do with it. To allow MS to supply (for example) 20 time limited copies of their software to a school is like accepting a settlement with a drug dealer which says he will give the first 20 hits for free to school kids! The settlement is meant to redress the imbalance created by the abusive monopoly OR punish the abusive monopolists, not to re-enforce their position.

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